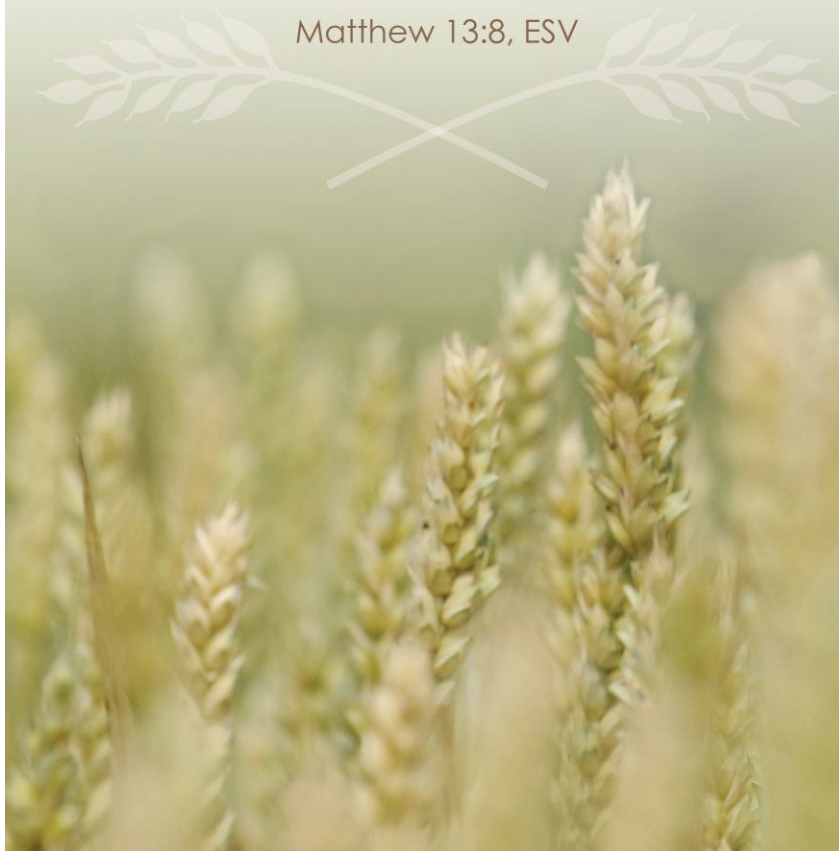


OTHER SEEDS

fell on good soil
and produced grain...

Matthew 13:8, ESV



TRINITY NINE/MISSION FESTIVAL

Luther Memorial Church. . . . August 2, 2026

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

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PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 5 - “*Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear*”

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting 2, WS Pg. 12)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

- C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
- C: ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'n-ly host we glorify.

Pastor: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever." **C: Amen.**

OT LESSON

ISAIAH 55:10-11

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. *

EPISTLE LESSON:

ACTS 17:16-34

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.”

²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

" 'In him we live and move and have our being';
as even some of your own poets have said,
" 'For we are indeed his offspring.'

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

³² Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ So Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴ But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them. *

GOSPEL LESSON:

MATTHEW 13:44-46

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. *

THE ALLELUIA:

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Congregation:

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He will come to judge the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: 775 - *“Thy Strong Word”*

SERMON:

MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,

⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

WHERE IS THE “GOOD DIRT”?

(In Unexpected Places)

Our speaker this morning is a former vicar and the son-in-law of Pastor and Mrs. Schaller. Pastor Samuel Rodebaugh serves St. John’s Lutheran Church and School in Okabena, MN. We thank the LORD for the gifts that He’s given to Pastor Rodebaugh and pray that he and his precious family safely return home to Southwest Minnesota.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 244:1-3)

♪ Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

♪ Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

♪ Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!

PRAYER(S) /THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the unity in substance of majesty coequal. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sa-ba-oth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD

♪ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT:



Why doesn't our church pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Well, because we understand Communion very differently than others do. We understand the Lord's Supper to have just as great a potential for harm as it has for good. For that reason, we do not give it out until we have determined that it will work for your good

and the good of the church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed. For this reason, we trust that those of other faiths will understand our practice of asking all who wish to commune to prepare with the pastor first. **The Lord's Supper will be received standing or seated in the pews.** You are asked to dispose of the empties in one of the disposals near the front of the sanctuary.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT

♪ O Lord, now let your servant Depart in heav'n-ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

♪ All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three-in-One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 46 - "On What has Now been Sown"

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us and hope that you will return again. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2, 2026

THIS MORNING

Family Fellowship Hour: 11am (Hosted by the Seibel Girls)

THIS WEEK

Monday-Friday: Vacation Bible School at LM - 9am-Noon

Tuesday: Ladies of Luther Memorial, 6pm

Sunday: LM Worship 9am; LH Worship 11am.

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2026 General Budget has been set by the Voters in our Annual Meeting at: \$120,120.00. We have thus far received: \$ 75,699.16 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE 2026-27

During our 2026 Annual Meeting, the Voters of Luther Memorial pledged to send \$25,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2026-27. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2026 -June 30, 2027. We have thus far received \$ 1,130.00.

NEED TO STEP OUT?

If you need to step out to tend to one of your children you can continue watching the service on your phone. Hang in there. You are doing a great job! Simply scan this QR Code to watch the service on your smartphone.



CHURCH PICNIC

The Luther Memorial Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for next Sunday August 9th after worship at the Buttermilk Park Picnic Shelter. We plan to begin eating at 11am. There will be opportunities for Volleyball, Cornhole and other games for children. Bring a dish to pass and join us.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This Summer's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for this coming week - August 3-7, 2026. The Church Picnic will follow on Sunday August 9th at the Buttermilk Park Shelter.

REGISTER FOR VBS

Please help us prepare for Vacation Bible School by registering your children/grandchildren at the following:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/LutherMemorialFondduLacWI/32513>

FONDUE FEST

This year's Fondue Fest is scheduled to take place on Saturday September 12th. Our booth theme this year is "Jesus is a Lifesaver." If you would like to help by taking a shift in our Luther Memorial Booth and greeting the public, please speak with Pastor Schaller ASAP.

BUSINESS CARDS

On your way out you may notice some 'business cards' on the stand with the Guestbook. Feel free to take a few and share them with any unchurched friends. There is information about Jesus and Luther Memorial on the back of each card.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HELPERS

The schedule for 2026 for Communion Distribution Helpers is on the LM Calendar, which can be accessed on the website at – www.fdllutheran.com If you are a voter and would like to be added to the schedule, speak with Pastor Schaller.

WORSHIP CREW

We are always in need of help in carrying out our worship service without an organist. If you've been thinking that you could help with the slides or the streaming service and would like to learn how to do it, please speak with Mr. Rodney Kern.

AUSTIN AND CHRISTY FINLEY

Yesterday afternoon Austin Finley and Christy Sabel were joined in Christian Marriage here at Luther Memorial. Please make a point of praying for them as they begin their married life together.

ERICA AND MITCH DENISWICZ

Erica (Powell) Deniswicz and her husband Mitch were among those who lost their homes in Menasha this past week. They are in the process of cleaning up their property to see what can be salvaged. Please keep them in your prayers. If you would like to help them in some way speak with Pastor Schaller.

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Vernon, British Columbia to serve as their 3rd Pastor. • St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD has also called Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran in Vernon, BC. • Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI has called Pastor Emeritus Paul Tiefel Jr. to serve as their next pastor. • Mount Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI. has called Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. • Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in West Columbia, SC, has been called by Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ. • Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND, has been called by St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Austin, MN.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2026-27

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.

Amount Pledged 2026	Received as of 7/26/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (48)
\$25,000	\$1,130.00	\$23,870.00	\$497.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 7/26/26

Attendance: 7/26 - 56 (Online 30): 86.

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	M & I (Non-Budgetary)			
\$1,852.00	\$180.00	\$550.00	\$	\$	\$
Total Offerings: \$					

Luther Memorial General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2026. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 7/26/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (23 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$75,699.16	\$44,420.84	\$1,931.00

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HOME DEVOTIONS FOR AUGUST 3-8, 2026

Monday – Luke 16:1-9 The cheating steward acted on the basis of the future laid before him. God's children do well to act on the basis of the eternal salvation that has been laid before them in Christ.

Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 Let us learn from the consequences of God's people's unfaithful and wicked behavior. It is truly God who is faithful (v13), and who always has our best interest at heart.

Wednesday - 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 King David gave the plans for the Temple to his son Solomon, but he gave the glory to the LORD God. "Blessed are you, LORD, the God of Israel, our father, from eternity to eternity" ... (v10)

Thursday – Psalm 139:1-12 God knows us thoroughly, sitting and standing, faraway thoughts, traveling or staying home. And not only does know us, but He also cares about us and is with us always and everywhere.

Friday – Psalm 139:13-24 God has made us, so we are His. He determined our days (v16) before they happened. He has nothing to do with wickedness, so can be trusted to lead us in the way everlasting.

Saturday - Psalm 119:65-72 God has done good for us, and has both good judgment and knowledge (v65,66). "You are good, and you do good" (v68). He can even bring good for us out of distress and affliction (vv67,71).



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are taken from Church Art Online via a regular legal subscription.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 12

¹Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man. ²Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak. ³May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, ⁴those who say, "With our tongue we will prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?"

⁵"Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the Lord; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."

⁶The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times. ⁷You, O Lord, will keep them; you will guard us from this generation forever. ⁸On every side the wicked prowls, as vileness is exalted among the children of man. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Lord God, you do not desire the death of the sinner, but would have him turn from his evil way and live. I come to you confessing that I have sinned and deserve only Your anger and punishment. But I cling to Your mercy in Christ Jesus, my Lord, who gave himself for my redemption. Lord, grant that I may always believe this and never doubt. Grant that in this faith I may go to Your altar and receive the body and blood which Your Son has given for my salvation, and praise, laud and honor Your love and mercy all the days of my life. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Redeemer and Savior. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

I give you thanks and praise, Almighty, everlasting god, heavenly Father, for this your divine love that has again enabled me to receive the body and blood of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord. I humbly ask that you would fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit that through this Sacrament which I have received with both mouth and by faith that I may always retain and possess the treasures of Your grace, even the forgiveness of sins and unity with Christ and eternal life. Let this enable me to walk in the footsteps of my Lord Jesus, doubting nothing and trusting that you will give to me and all who trust in Him the crown of everlasting life. Hear me, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Amen.

HYMN

LORD, OPEN THOU MY HEART TO HEAR

1. Lord, open Thou my heart to hear And through Thy Word to me draw near; Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain, Let me Thy child and heir remain.

2. Thy Word doth deeply move the heart, Thy Word doth perfect health impart, Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless, Thy Word brings peace and happiness.

3. To God, the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Shall glory, praise and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

HYMN

THY STRONG WORD

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done. For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death, Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-giving breath. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness, Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might; From the cross forever beam-eth All Thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 244:1-3)

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♪ Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heaven and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory, To the King of Glory sing!

HYMN

ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

1. On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow; The power is Thine alone To make it spring and grow. Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise.

2. To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our powers; Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours. Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3. Oh, grant that each of us Now met before Thee here May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear And follow Thee to heaven, our home. E'en so, Amen, Lord Jesus, come! Amen.